

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
July 5, 2005
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Wilbur Petroskey, Tom Rudolph, Guy Hansen, and Paul Dean.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Toni Rogers, Jim Winkler, John Coyle, Jim Kumbera and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chair Wilbur Petroskey.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Tom Rudolph/Paul Dean to approve the agenda as printed with permission to change the order of the day. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Guy Hansen/Paul Dean to approve the minutes of June 13, 2006 as printed. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meetings:

August 18, 2006 9 a.m. Extension meeting room

Appointment of new committee member: It was reported that a replacement has not been appointed to the Committee at this time.

Fair update: There are 20 days until the fair. John Coyle reported some vendors are not willing to sign the newly written contracts drafted by Corporation Counsel staff. The Demo Derby promoter still hasn't signed the contract at this time. To protect themselves, the Subcommittee has made inquiries of other promoters and have found a replacement if necessary who will sign the revised contract. The issue has been quite stressful for Subcommittee members and has caused a delay in printing promotional brochures. The Subcommittee is meeting tomorrow and a decision will be made as how to proceed. Coyle noted they are fearful of not meeting revenue expectations in sponsorship, but have altered their spending to compensate.

Approval of contracts for Oneida County Fair: Motion by Tom Rudolph/Guy Hansen to approve entertainment contracts for Downside Productions, Dave Dall and Friends, DeJaVous and one food vendor contract for James Schendel. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of invoices for Oneida County Fair: Motion by Guy Hansen/Tom Rudolph to approve the invoices for the Oneida County Fair. All ayes; motion carried.

Land search for fairgrounds: Jim Winkler reviewed the results of the survey sent to the county 4-H agents statewide regarding county fairs. The survey was sent to agents

in all 72 counties, with 40 responding. John Coyle requested a copy of the survey to share with the Fair Subcommittee. Lengthy discussion followed regarding private versus county-owned fairgrounds. Tom Rudolph felt it would be helpful to find out how many acres their fairgrounds encompass. Discussion followed. It was suggested that following the fair, the Subcommittee could come up with specifications for a proposed county-owned fairgrounds.

Family Living Position update: Dan Kuzlik reported that Patricia McGee has submitted her resignation as her husband has accepted a position in Sarasota, Florida. Her last day with Extension will be August 30th. McGee is currently in FL but will be back on July 13th to help cover the office while Kuzlik is on vacation and Winkler deals with the fair. Paul Dean questioned if the candidate pool used when McGee was hired can be used again. Kuzlik noted one of the candidates interviewed has accepted another job with Extension but will check with John Preissing regarding procedure. Motion by Tom Rudolph/Guy Hansen to refill the Family Living agent position for Oneida County. All ayes; motion carried.

Youth in Governance (TAG): Final draft of the resolution was mailed in the agenda packet and Jim Winkler reviewed it with the Committee, noting he has conferred with Corporation Counsel and Bob Brusco to come up with this final draft. Discussion followed. Fiscal impact is mileage for students from their home school to the Courthouse and back for one county board meeting and one county committee meeting per month. Schools are providing the freedom for the student to miss class for the program, but providing no monetary funding. This is a county-wide youth program--not just a school project. Students will be allowed to make presentations to the student bodies at their respective schools based on the issues being dealt with at the county level.

Guy Hansen noted he attended the Youth in Governance segment at WACEC Annual Conference. A presentation focusing on Waupaca County's program whose focus was getting youth on councils/boards. Adult members on the councils/boards were trained, students interested in issues being addressed volunteered to serve and then two students were placed on each council. Hansen noted Waupaca's program is highly dependent upon UWEX staff and does not include student representatives on County Board at this time.

Paul Dean was excused at 9:55 a.m. for another meeting.

Discussion continued and grammatical changes were made to the resolution. Motion by Tom Rudolph/Guy Hansen to approve the resolution regarding TAG with the suggested changes, and to forward on to County Board for approval. All ayes; motion carried.

MOCK: Jim Winkler reported plans are underway to pilot the MOCK (Mentoring Oneida County Kids) program this fall at Central School. Other elementary schools have also

expressed interest in MOCK and there is the potential to make this a county-wide project in the school districts. The purpose of MOCK is to have adults go into the schools and meet with an at-risk child one class period per week, giving that child 100% attention for that time period. This is an in-school project -- not an after school program. Commitment would be from September-May (school year) and does not include summer months. Research shows that kids who are mentored do better in school and their reading skills improve. MOCK also provides opportunities for adults to be positive role models for these children who may lack it at home. Mentoring was also identified as an issue to address during the school district's strategic planning sessions.

Winkler is working on a training manual with a training session being held this fall. Adult recruitment has begun and Winkler appealed to committee members to become mentors. Discussion followed. Winkler participated in a similar program in both Chippewa and Green Counties. Tom Rudolph noted Social Services has allocated funding for prevention efforts and suggested Winkler talk with Paul Spencer about coordinating efforts or make a presentation at one of their department meetings. Guy Hansen suggested contacting the Human Service Center as well.

OCEDC update: Jim Kumbera reported work continues on the request for qualifications for architects and engineers for the new business park. The Department of Commerce will provide \$250,000 for sewer and water for the ABX project and the contract has been awarded to Musson Brothers. The Department of Transportation will provide \$250,000 to put in rail and a secondary switch and will also make rail accessible to Superior Diesel. There is nothing new on lawsuit at this time. Discussion followed.

Monthly budget report: None.

Monthly invoices: Motion by Guy Hansen/Tom Rudolph to approve the monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

WACEC meeting report: Tom Rudolph has been elected to the WACEC Board who is interested in improving the annual meeting in an effort to increase attendance. He felt all agents should be encouraged to attend, not just the department heads. All those who attended noted the poor attendance by other counties. Rudolph also received a 10 year service award at this year's conference. Guy felt the sessions were most helpful and has information to share with individual staff members.

Agent reports: Jim Winkler reported 50 people attended the Family Fishing Fun Day and felt the poor weather attributed to lower attendance. MOCK was presented to Northwoods Community Partners and applications were distributed with two being returned. A newspaper article was also printed about MOCK and he has received three interested callers. Motion by Guy Hansen/Tom Rudolph to approve the agent reports. All ayes; motion carried.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Kuzlik:

7/7-8/06 MN Community Education Symposium

Minneapolis, MN***

***other expense

Motion by Tom Rudolph/Guy Hansen to approve the out-of-county travel requests as submitted. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comment: Dan Kuzlik reported UW-Extension is producing a 12-15 minute video marketing Extension and he was chosen to do the CRD segment. During filming he met with Mel Davidson focusing on economic development by doing a site visit to the "green" community park; met with Brian Diel and mocked placing Main Street signs; met with Victoria Houston representing the District Library Board; and focused on aquatic invasive species issues. Kuzlik will share it with the Committee once completed. It will also play on the kiosk in the Airport Terminal.

Toni Rogers reported she recently attended a cultural diversity program at Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation addressing issues being dealt with on the reservation. She will also attend Spanish Immersion Camp at Hunt Hill Audobon Camp near Spooner the first week of August for her own personal professional development.

Items for next agenda: Land search for fairgrounds and Family Living position update.

Adjournment: Motion by Tom Rudolph/Guy Hansen to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison
Recording Secretary

Wilbur Petroskey, Chair